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SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON PORTUGUESE SITUATION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS HAS ASKED FOR A JOINT BRIEFING OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEES ON AFRICA AND EUROPE TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT COUP. THE HEARINGS MAY BEGIN AS EARLY AS THE MORNING OF MONDAY, MAY 6.
2. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TESTIMONY BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE GOB'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER WILL TESTIFY.
3. DEPARTMENT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DESCRIPTION OF GOB'S REACTION TO EVENTS IN PORTUGAL TO DATE AND EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING WHAT SHOULD BE SAID IN TESTIMONY. REPLY NEEDED BY COB FRIDAY, MAY 3. RUSH

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